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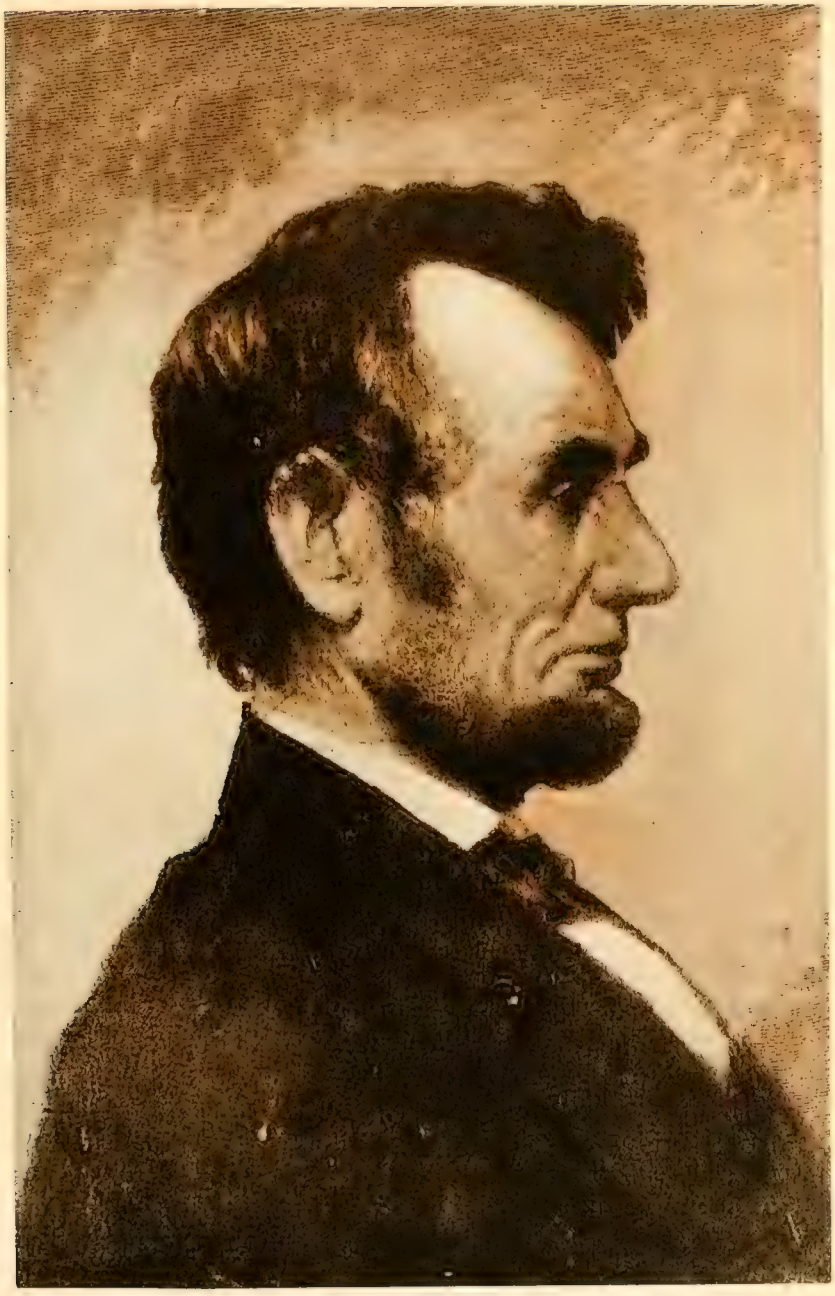
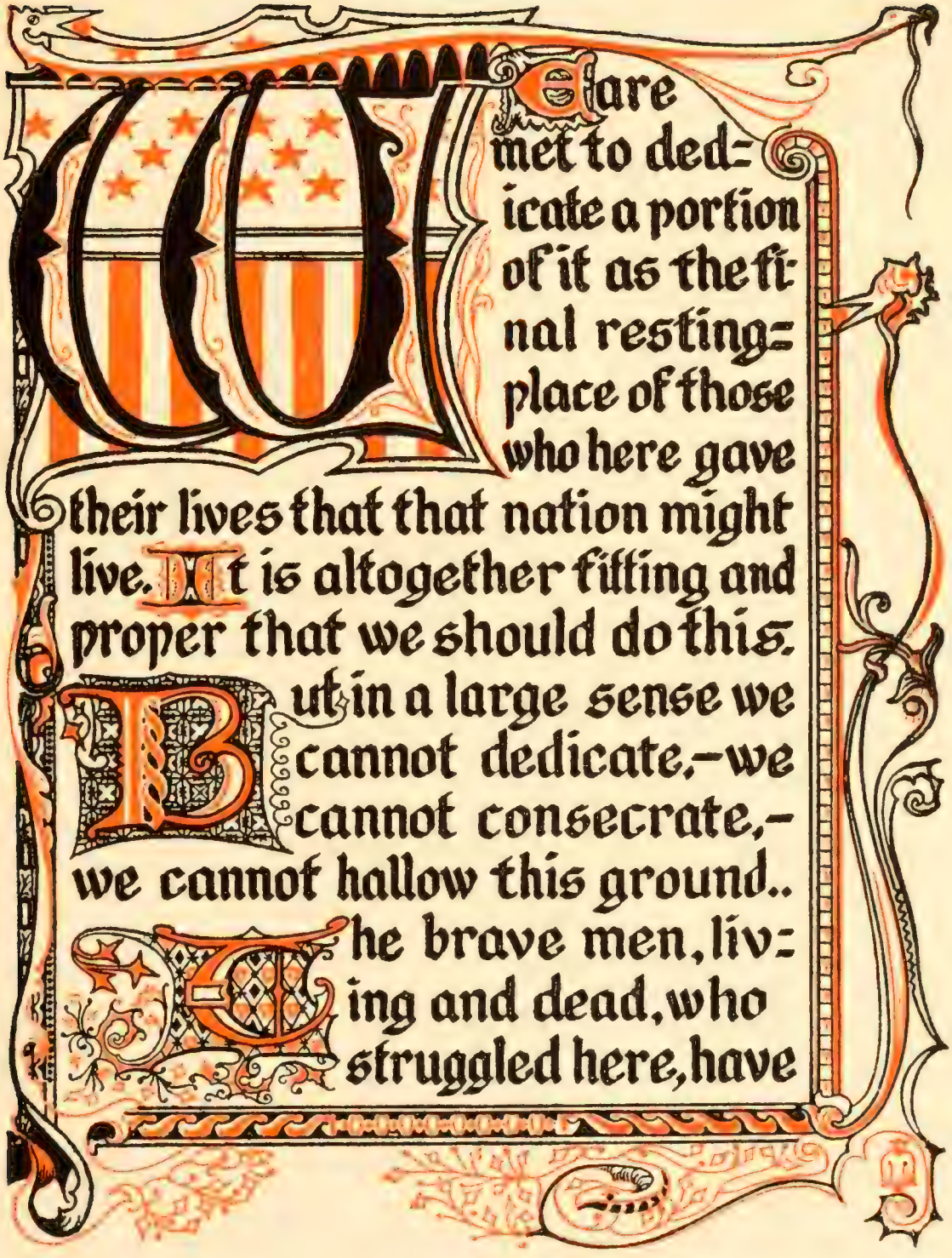


OURSCORE
and seven years
ago, our fathers brought
forth upon this continent
a new nation, conceived in
Liberty, and dedicated to
the proposition that all
men are created equal.
Now we are engaged in a
great civil war, testing whether
that nation, or any nation so con-
ceived and so dedicated, can long
endure. We are met on a great
battlefield of that war.


We are met to dedicate a portion of it as the final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.
But in a large sense we cannot dedicate,—we cannot consecrate,—we cannot hallow this ground.
The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have

consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work that they who fought here have thus far so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we

take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that

Government

of the People, by the People, and for the People, shall not perish from the earth.

The above is a record of the address delivered by Abraham Lincoln at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa. November 19th 1863.

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